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Midwest Abrasives

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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To: Ransom Hill
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From: Gregory Eagle *Greg*
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Subject: Groundwater Investigation Task Force/ Don Barta Farm,
Henderson (Case # 136-78-80)

Refer to the attached documents for a report of recent investigations at the Don Barta Farm located just outside of Henderson, Michigan (see attached map). Since the writing of these memos, C.O. Ward, Leroy Vahovich (Water Quality Division), Richard Lundgren (Water Quality Division), and I met with Midwest Abrasives representatives on April 24, 1980. We confronted the company with the information and since that meeting the company has verbally agreed to remove the drums and properly dispose of them.

The company has contacted Liquid Disposal Inc. and received their approval for disposal of any liquid industrial wastes from the site. They have also contacted Moravy Trucking, a licensed liquid industrial waste hauler, for a cost estimate to remove and transport the wastes. Apparently, the cost estimates were quite high, and the company is now investigating the possibility of doing much of the work themselves. They are presently reviewing the following options: (1) haul the drums themselves to their Owosso facility for gradual disposal with their current liquid wastes to LDI, or (2) contract with Moravy Trucking to handle the entire project.

The company seems quite sincere in wanting to clean up the problem. Therefore, at this time, I feel that civil action or criminal prosecution would be inappropriate and recommend that Water Quality Division continue to strive to obtain a voluntary resolution to this problem.

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